

NEW YORK REJOICES HER

Miss Kingston Sends a Budget of Praise Over Seas.

CLUBS AND CLUB MEMBERS

English Writer Finds Cordiality, Culture and Comfort Characteristic Here.

Gertrude Kingston, writing from this city to "The London Mail," says:

"The politely detached manner, the tolerantly patient air that we adopt for casual acquaintances in London is neither in use nor of use here. I find I have to refurbish up my nice little manners that I keep for Vienna or Paris. I strain my ears to catch other names than my own when I am introduced, make as good a thing as I can of it, apply it at once, and run a desperate race to be the first to say, 'Pleased to meet you, Mr. — or Mrs. —' and come in a bad second, having heard my name pronounced with a neatness and crispness that I can never hope to imitate."

"Everybody alert and interested and well informed, the men having the world's politics at their fingers' ends because Wall Street, by her bankers' balance, controls the balance of peace to a great extent, and the question of the next European conflict will probably be settled by the rate of interest at which the God of War can borrow his dollars; the women having the world's literature on the tips of their tongues because lectures and libraries form an absorbing part of their day's programme. The struggle in Persia or John Macleod's 'Whom in the Bay Street' therefore may be served up to you anywhere and any day with the cocktail which it appears to be habitual to absorb before luncheon or dinner. Much less of self-consciousness, too, in the introduction into conversations of serious topics, and much greater expression of self. The high-pitched tone and ready speech strikes the ear at the door of a luxuriously equipped woman's club which exists through a perito of Colonial pattern, with a strapwork cornice of Chipendale design, a rather favorite form of decoration here."

VIVACITY IN ATMOSPHERE.

"A delightful effect is that of the prim stick-pointed house, with its cluster of slender columns, belonging to the period which corresponds to that of the Adam Brothers in England, and which we still find in its original form 'downtown' in Washington Square, a quaint Old World place that has, I admit more fascination for me than the more modest neighborhood of Central Park, quite two or three miles higher up in the social scale. The club I visited is half way between the two districts—designed so—and intended to be social in its aims. As I sat there in the silence and the far-heaven-s-sake-don't-talk-to-me air of a London club, the buzz of conversation that greets one on entering is at any rate novel. After luncheon women are sitting around the fire discussing the theatres and playlets, and no one thinks it odd that a stranger should enter into the conversation and ask about plays to be seen. The old habits do not look at the stranger out of the corner of one eye and give a grudging answer, as we should in London, but turn to the questioner with their natural vivacity."

It is perhaps characteristic that though there is a silent room for those who wish to read and write without being disturbed, it has rarely been known to have an occupant. From basement to roof garden this club, decorated for the most part in the Georgian style by a well known lady decorator, is complete in every detail. There is a gymnasium, in which the arduous game of basketball is played, and a swimming bath plunge into after this violent exercise, classical in its treatment, with its marble steps leading down into eleven feet of water and its trellis of vine with lamp-shades of grapes overhead. Adjoining it are rooms for massage, for Turkish and Russian baths, for manubeling, for shampooing for dressing, and even for Naunheim treatment. Upstairs, a ball or reception room in which, there are lectures, readings and "entertainments, and on the ground floor are to be found books, reviews, magazines, both American and English, and illustrated papers from both sides of the Atlantic. Even Punch winked at me from the drawing-room table as I passed—a coffee room for members, and another for members and their guests provided a luncheon that I wish some of our women's clubs in London could have been privileged to taste!"

FOR WRITERS AND ARTISTS.

"Next I visited a less luxurious but no less interesting club, formed for the purpose of bringing together the feminine literary and artistic elements with those of the leisured classes, and hospitable to every foreigner of distinction in the world of art and letters. Desirably, I think, it has its entrance through a big studio building that gives it a pleasantly informal air at once, and the ten-like rooms leading into each other, full of modern works of art and interesting schemes of color, have a studio effect that lends a distinctive atmosphere to the place. Here, too, lectures and literary entertainments are the great feature of the club, and the cordiality and enthusiasm with which everybody welcomes the stranger who has attempted, achieved or attained anything are very indicative of the national desire to make history that is everywhere evident in this city."

And yet another club to which both men and women can be admitted as members, where the principal objects are to discuss and to demonstrate the principles of the art of music, literature, the drama, painting, sculpture and architecture, and to aid in the extension of knowledge of works specially fitted to exemplify the finer purposes of these arts. At both the former and the latter the clubs pledge themselves to attend the performances of new plays and to encourage those that meet with approval, and printed notices of such are sent to all the members. Thus the uncommercial drama comes in for its share of attention from those of the public who are best able to appreciate anything of value, and it cannot be entirely stamped out by adverse criticism or by the public neglect, for some artistic member of the community will always be found to urge others to follow his example and witness the new drama for themselves."

"Throughout my visit here I realize that England, with its tradition and older civilization, is far nearer to America than America is to England. Nor is there here any of the carpings, envious spirit of the Germans against the 'Alte Kultur' of the English, but a genuine and ardent wish to emulate and acquire it as fast as modern existing conditions will admit."

"That the slow process of digestion is not quite possible in this insatiable appetite for the heavier solids of old England is a matter of course, but my sympathies are with the hungry who will risk the headache to satisfy their craving."

SHARED CAKE AND GUILT.

"Thomas," said mother, severely, "some one has taken a big piece of ginger cake out of the pantry."

"Tommy blushed guiltily."

"Oh, Thomas," she exclaimed, "I didn't think it was in you."

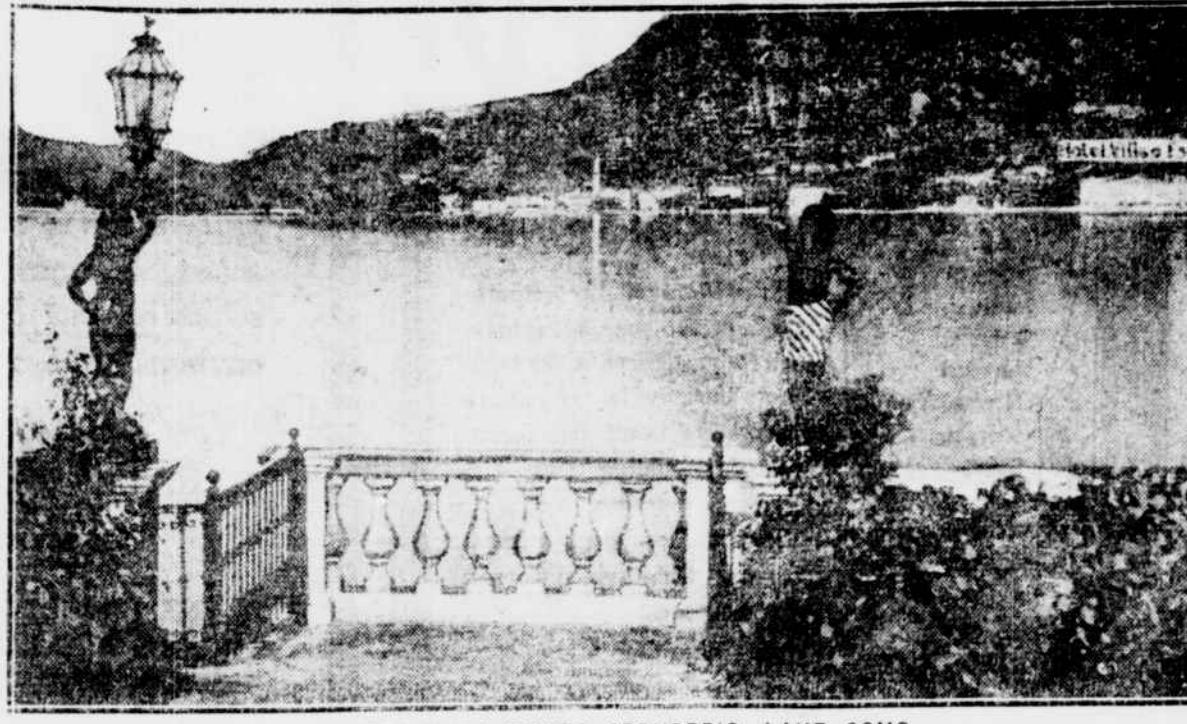
"It ain't," replied Tommy, "part of it's National Monthly."

SIGNS OF HIS BELIEF.

Silence—Do you believe in long engagements?"

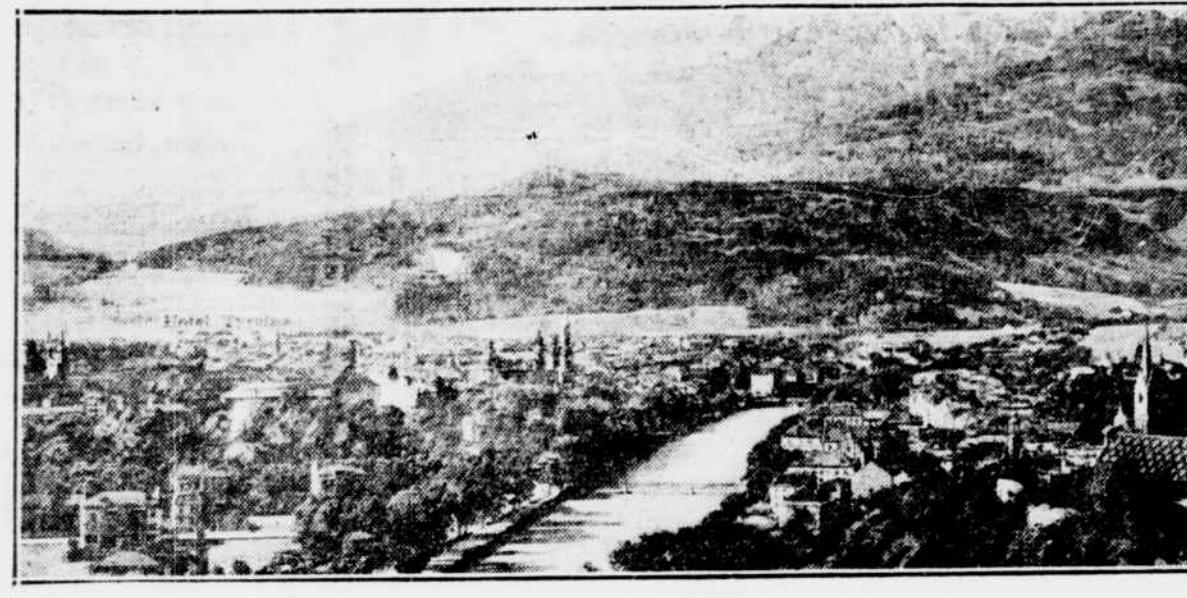
Cynical—Sure. The longer a man is engaged the less time he has to be married—Philadelphia Record.

Many Americans When Abroad Will Visit These Points of Interest



HOTEL VILLA D'ESTE, CERNOBBO, LAKE COMO.

The Hotel Villa d'Este, formerly the palace of the unfortunate Queen Charlotte of England, thoroughly reconstructed into an up-to-date hotel, is a favorite rendezvous of American and English society. Delightfully situated on picturesque Lake Como, the hotel has charming views. The scenic beauty of the magnificent gardens, with natural waterfalls, flowers, statuary, trees and terraces, must be seen to be appreciated. Visitors leave trains at Como Station, where private motors meet them, and reach the Villa d'Este in a few minutes. Lake steamers start from a pier close to the hotel and make tours around the lake.



THE BEAUTIFUL TYROL.

The great increase in the number of visitors to Innsbruck is fully justified by the attractions offered by the Tyrol so generally replete with romantic history, magnificent climate and grand scenery. This Summer the Passion Play in all its ancient simplicity will be given at the Ehr near Innsbruck, where visitors will make their headquarters at the Hotel Tyrol, and may be served up to you anywhere and any day with the cocktail which it appears to be habitual to absorb before luncheon or dinner. Much less of self-consciousness, too, in the introduction into conversations of serious topics, and much greater expression of self. The high-pitched tone and ready speech strike the ear at the door of a luxuriously equipped woman's club which exists through a perito of Colonial pattern, with a strapwork cornice of Chipendale design, a rather favorite form of decoration here."

GAEKWAR OF BARODA

His Magnificence Depicted by an English Vicar.

TIGER HUNTING BY 'PHONE

Has Palaces Without Number and Furniture of Silver and Gold.

Of the Gaekwar of Baroda a great deal has been heard during the last few months. A rather unpleasant conception of his highness's personality has been impressed upon the public mind by recent events. If that impression is not only modified but entirely removed by the volume published by Hutchinson & Co., entitled "A Year with the Gaekwar of Baroda," it will not be the fault of the author, the Rev. Edward St. Clare Wedden, "sometimes canon of Chester Cathedral and vicar of Canon-Frome." As he tells us in a preface he has for nearly twenty years enjoyed the intimate friendship of the Maharaja, and has travelled with him through most of the countries of Europe.

Some time in the last decade—not more definitely mentioned, Mr. Wedden spent a whole year as the guest of his highness, and had, as he tells us, "the time of my life." He expresses the fear that he may be accused of drawing too flattering a portrait of his host. That is possible for Mr. Wedden writes as a courtier, and when he expresses himself in this way it is difficult to take him quite seriously.

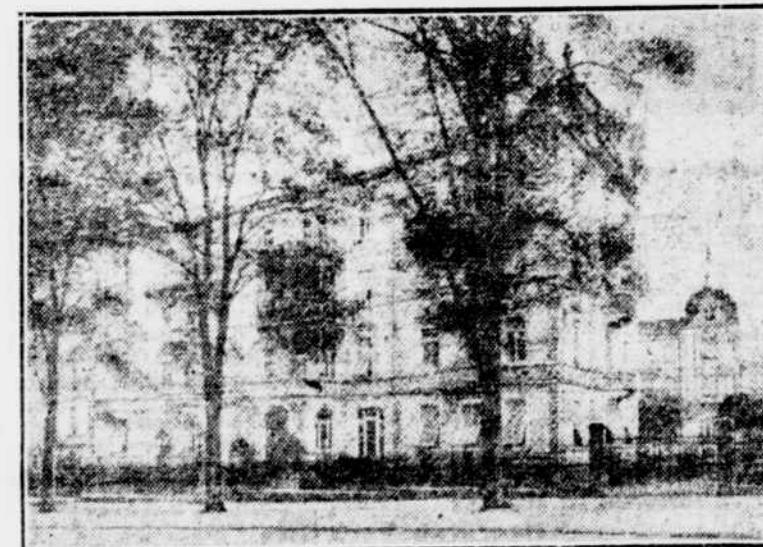
"One of the most striking things about the Maharaja is the extraordinary influence which he exerts on those around him; he is the sun round which they all revolve; when he is in good health and spirits every one is gay and happy; when he is anxious and depressed a general feeling of depression prevails, and when he is ill the light of the brightest day seems clouded, and we all go about with long faces and hushed voices. Luckily he generally enjoys good health, but a serious illness some years ago has left him subject to occasional attacks of feverish disorder."

But the book, although it may seem somewhat on the side of hyperbole where the personality of the Maharaja is concerned, abounds in bright and interesting descriptions of Indian life and scenes. The magnificence with which the Gaekwar, the ruler of two millions of men, and with a fatuous revenue at his disposal, is surrounded lends itself to description. The numerous palaces which the Maharaja owns are treated with ample justice by the author of their domestic arrangements we get some intimate glimpses.

HIS FRENCH COOK.

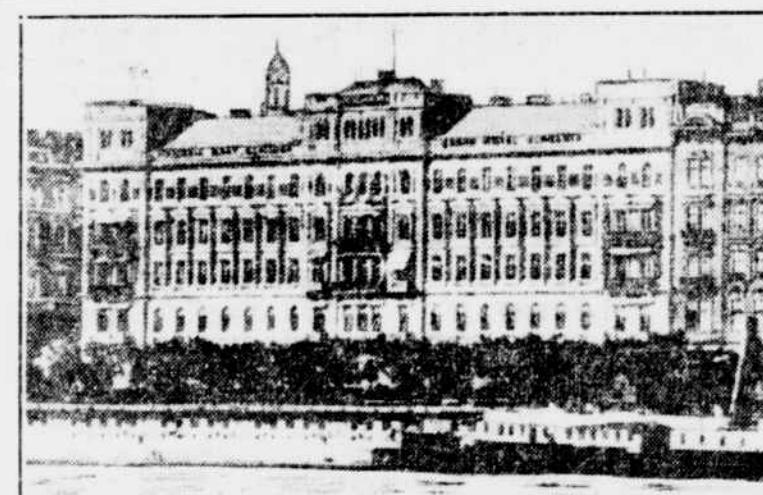
"The food is excellent, and is sent on every day by the principal caterer in Bombay. The two chief meals of the day—breakfast at 11 and dinner at 3:30—which I always have at the Mahabharat, are very much what you would get at a first class restaurant in London, Prince's or the Carlton. They are prepared by a French cook and served under the experienced eye of an English maître d'hôtel. Mr. Black, a very imposing person, in a fine dark blue coat, with a velvet collar and gold buttons, with a ribbon in his buttonhole, who was butler to Lord Amphill when he was Governor of Madras, but he was rather frightened of him at first, but he was now set at ease, and generally makes a point of pointing me out a glass of water, bringing me the mustard, or showing me some other little attention. When there are English guests there are the usual kind of drinks, whiskey and hock, with seltzer at breakfast, and champagne and port at dinner, with liqueurs afterward, but when we are alone we all drink water, which is very good and kept beautifully cool in silver flagons. The Maharaja never drinks anything but water, and only one glass of that half an hour after each meal, as he does not want to grow stout, most Indians being inclined to run to fat. He uses tea and coffee very sparingly, and does not smoke more than ten or twelve cigarettes a week."

Silvers in this happy principality is no more accounted for than it was in the days of Solomon. Everything that we are accustomed to see here, tables of wood and silver, such as chairs, made of wood and silver, and so on, are in Baroda fashioned of gold and silver, and in the midst of all this splendor, we are told, the centre and object of all this wealth and luxury, there stands the homely figure of the Gaekwar, almost pathetic in the simplicity of his white robes, without a jewel on his dress,



HOTEL KAISERHOF, BAD-NAUHEIM.

This beautiful hotel is directly opposite the springs and new Bath Houses, so that visitors require no carriage to reach them, thus saving much expense. Surrounded by lovely gardens, park and lawns of 6,000 square metres, 160 bed and sitting rooms, and suites with private bath, etc. All details of hygiene and sanitation. Steam heat throughout. Vacuum cleaner. Beautiful Palm Terrace, where the orchestra plays during dinner and luncheon in the open. The primary condition for a satisfactory "cure" is freedom from annoyance and care, and at the Kaiserhof no pains are spared to assure such conditions; personal interest is taken in every visitor. Season April 15th to October 15th.



GRAND HOTEL HUNGRIA, BUDAPEST.

The Hotel Hungaria is one of the finest examples of modern hotel construction, and under the management of Mr. Charles J. Burger, has become the best known hotel in Hungary—in fact, the only really up-to-date hotel in that country. The hotel has a frontage of some two hundred feet on the River Danube, with a terrace running its entire length, having one of the most superb views in Europe. There is no city in Europe where Americans are more welcome than in Budapest, one of the most ancient and interesting spots in the Old World. There are frequent fast trains from Vienna to Budapest, and no one visiting the former city should miss the opportunity of seeing the latter.

without a ring on his finger, never with even a shilling in his pocket. A man so careless about money that until a few years ago he did not trouble to know one coin from another, utterly indifferent to the value of the treasures which surround him, except in so far as they are beautiful, useful and seemly."

But the Maharaja does not invariably cultivate this Spartan simplicity of attire. When in royal state he is an imposing person. Here is a picture of him attending a Mahasham festival. "He was magnificently dressed, a great plume of diamonds waving above his puggari, a splendid collar of pearls and diamonds hanging round his neck, the Star of India blazing with jewels on his breast, and priceless rings dashing on his hands, as with one he returned the salutes of his subjects, and with the other grasped his jeweled sword hilt. He was mounted on an enormous elephant, decorated with a massive gold necklace, gold cases for his tusks, gold anklets and earrings—an elephant's ear being the size of a plate—golden bells. From his back to the ground hung a wonderful piece of cloth-of-gold, the size of a large drawing carpet."

Only a few of the elephants can bear the weight of the golden "umbrella" or throne, for the carrying of which they have to be specially fed. It is as big as a small motor-car, and it takes twenty-four strong men to lift it on to the elephant's back.

Though the Gaekwar has many palaces he knows what to do with his building or, perchance, by this time has completed a new one in Bombay. It is a magnificent building of white stone, enriched with rare marbles, mosaics and carved woodwork. It had, at the time of Mr. Wedden's visit, already cost over a million pounds, and was likely to cost half as much again before it was finished. Even the Gaekwar seemed rather unwilling to think of the bill.

"Asked him," writes the author, "what he was going to call it, and he said that berberi is not attributable to rice in general. RICE AND CERTAIN DISEASES.

Enough evidence has been gathered in very recent years to make it clear that at least one of a series of diseases which is not more or less epidemic form is not infectious. Among the group including scurvy, pellagra and berberi, the close relation of which to the food supply has long been appreciated, the cause of berberi has become sufficiently clear to point the way to effective curative as well as preventive measures which have already been successfully tested. Eskimos pointed out that berberi is not attributable to rice in general.



BAD-NAUHEIM: EUROPE'S GREATEST "CURE" AND SOCIAL RESORT.

Beautifully situated in a high altitude, the town lies in an open valley, wonderfully enriched by trees and glens of surpassing beauty. The bustle of commerce never disturbs the visitor, health and rest. This garden spot is a health resort of the first rank. In a magnificent park way, the most delightful character abound. The climate is excellent in the height of summer, because of the surrounding woods and the surrounding woods.

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